

THE WEATHER: Rain Wednesday; Thursday clearing and colder; fresh northeast to north winds.

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STRUGGLE FOR LIFE DURING BIG STORM

Crew of Nantucket Light Ship Fought Against Death for Twenty-Four Hours.

CALL BY WIRELESS

For Assistance Brought Steamer in the Nick of Time.

VESSEL SPRUNG A LEAK SUNDAY MORNING AND WAS IN SINKING CONDITION WHEN REACHED BY LIGHT HOUSE TENDER—FOUNDERED AFTER BEING TAKEN IN TOW.

By Associated Press.
New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 12.—Perseus, a light house tender, was called to the aid of the Nantucket light ship, which was in a sinking condition, Sunday morning. The vessel was in a sinking condition when it was reached by the light house tender. The vessel was in a sinking condition when it was reached by the light house tender. The vessel was in a sinking condition when it was reached by the light house tender.

Without stopping for any of their belongings, the crew launched their boat and jumped into it. They had rowed only a short distance when the lightship plunged beneath the waves. The men were taken on board the Azalea which had steamed back to rescue them, and every one was brought here safe and sound early today.

Sent Call for Aid.
At 2 o'clock Sunday morning a leak was discovered just above the fire room plates in the midship compartment of the vessel. For several hours the vessel was kept free by aid of her steam pumps, but at 8 o'clock it was apparent that the water was gaining and a message was sent to Newport for aid.

During the next few hours the water rose rapidly, until the fires under the boilers had been quenched. Several messages were sent after the dynamo stopped, by means of storage batteries, all urging that some vessel be sent as soon as possible. While it was felt that the water tight compartments might keep the vessel afloat for some time, it was feared that the bulkheads might give away eventually.

During all this time the little lightship had been tumbled about in one of the severest storms of the season and the rolling and pitching helped to open her seams still farther. Realizing that hand bailing might possibly keep the vessel afloat until help arrived, the thirteen men started the tedious work of hoisting the water from the flooded hold by hand, the pump being of little use. Without stopping for food or sleep, they managed to hold their own for twenty-four hours.

At 2 o'clock Monday morning, one of the naval wireless operators was able to send out one more message stating that the lightship was in distress and urging that help be sent "from anywhere." The power gave out before he could sign the message.

Azalea Sighted.
Two hours later the Azalea was sighted by the light of the setting moon. The sea, however, was too boisterous for the Azalea to go near the rolling light ship and for six hours she swung round within call, ready to dash up in case the lightship, which was well down in the water should founder.

The big chain which kept the lightship on her station throughout the storm, was slipped overboard and the line from the Azalea was made fast. Still the crew continued to bail, although greatly exhausted.

At 10 o'clock the sea, under the influence of the northwester which had followed the easterly storm, calmed down to a moderate swell and a line was sent to the lightship from the Azalea.

NOMINATIONS FOR FLORIDA OFFICES

Names of Jno. E. Stillman and Others Sent to Senate by the President.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 12.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate to-day:
Florida collectors of customs, M. B. Macfarlane, Tampa; Geo. W. Allen, Key West; John E. Stillman, Pensacola; Tip Warren, Apalachicola.
John M. Cheney, Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.
Marion Erwin, Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia.
John F. Horr, marshal for the Southern District of Florida.

Nominations Confirmed.
Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate has confirmed the nominations of Parish Carter Tate, as attorney for the Northern District of Georgia; Walter H. Johnson, marshal for the Northern District of Georgia.
Postmasters, Georgia, Richard O. Rogers, Lafayette; Albert M. Smith, Brunswick.
South Carolina: Isham A. Mayfield, Greer; John E. Hustess, Hartsville; Ira S. Pitts, Westminster.

STEAMER WRECKED ON COAST OF CUBA

By Associated Press.
Havana, Dec. 12.—The Elder-Dempster line steamer, Angola, which grounded hard on a coral bottom while entering the harbor in a heavy sea Sunday night, has been abandoned by the underwriters. The vessel was wrecked by the rocks which pierced her hull. There is fifteen feet of water in the hold and the wheat is swelling.

RUSSIAN WORKMEN WILL NOT STRIKE

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Monday, Dec. 11.—Cautious having prevailed over the fury aroused by the arrest of the workmen's leaders, the workmen's council has decided not to order a general strike now, but has ordered the workmen to abide their time until all preparations are complete. It is reported from Moscow that the revolutionary propaganda has taken root among the Cossacks. This is a sign of dissatisfaction among the Cossacks.

OPPOSED TO NEW COTTON ESTIMATE

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Lovejoy's resolution, introduced yesterday, for the preparation of a new cotton estimate to be issued on January 10 has called forth a number of protests to southern members of congress. From Charlotte, N. C., Raleigh and other points protests were forwarded to congressmen alleging that such reports had already caused much fluctuation in prices and disarranged the markets.

DEMOCRATIC MAYOR ELECTED IN BOSTON

By Associated Press.
Boston, Dec. 12.—Complete returns of the election show Fitzgerald (democrat) elected by a plurality of 8,380.

noon when, after eighteen miles had been covered, Captain Jorgenson hoisted distress signals on the lightship and the towing stopped. The Azalea ran back toward the sinking vessel, while the crew of the lightship pushed their lift boat over the side. No one stopped to gather up any belongings. One by one they slid down the rope into the boat. Captain Jorgenson was the last to leave his ship.

Ten minutes later No. 58 which had withstood some of the most fearful storms that ever swept the Atlantic, gave one great heave and then plunged beneath the waves.

GUNBOAT WASP TERRIBLY BATTERED IN HURRICANE

Limped Into Port Under One Boiler and Sails--Sprung a Leak During Terrific Gale in the Atlantic.

By Associated Press.
Newport, R. I., Dec. 12.—The gunboat Wasp, about which considerable apprehension has been felt, arrived here today. The Wasp was not in sight when the Wasp arrived.
The gunboat came into port under one boiler and with sails set after a terrific battle with the hurricane, during which she sprung a leak and was kept afloat, after the pumps were choked, by land bailing.
The vessel was blown out to sea on Sunday, the engine room flooded and for ten hours she was at the mercy of the waves. After many hours of bailing with buckets the crew succeeded in freeing the engine room.

MUCH UNEASINESS FELT IN THIS CITY

Much uneasiness was felt here when

Midshipman Meriwether Gets a Light Sentence

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 12.—Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., who was tried by court-martial for causing the death of Midshipman Branch, has been sentenced to confinement to the limits of the Naval Academy for a period of one year and to be publicly reprimanded by the secretary of the navy. Secretary Bonaparte has ordered that the sentence be carried out, but that so much of the penalty as would debar the accused from serving on any practice ship attached to the academy be remitted. The full extent of the findings will be made public later in the day. Representatives Broussard, of Louisiana, who had a conference with the secretary regarding the case this morning after learning of the findings, announced that he was entirely satisfied with them.

Georgia Policy Holders Have an Exciting Meeting

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Dec. 12.—Policy holders in the New York and Mutual Life Insurance Companies met here to-day to formulate plans to protect their interests at the next annual meetings of the companies. The meeting was exciting and "thief" and "scoundrel" were words frequently bandied.
A letter was received from Tom Lawson, of Boston, asking that he be given proxies to represent the policy holders at the meetings. A strong element favored making him their representative, but others denounced Lawson and urged the selection of a Georgia man to handle the proxies. The meeting ended on Lawson or no Lawson.
The meeting adjourned without action till night, and at midnight, was still in session without any definite action having been taken.

Japan-Korea Agreement is Null and Void, Says Emperor

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 12.—Honorable B. Hulbert, special messenger from the Emperor of Korea, is in receipt of a cablegram from Korea in which the emperor declares the agreement between Korea and Japan is null and void because obtained by force. It also declares that he will never sign the agreement in its present form, and says that the disturbances which attended the "outrage" on December 11 are likely to occur again.

TALIAFERRO TOOK SIX CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

By Associated Press.
Dubois, Pa., Dec. 12.—Six children were burned to death to-day at Linnsay and Mr. Morgan and wife, the parents, barely escaped with the two remaining children. Both parents were badly burned trying to save the children.

HEAVY DAMAGE BY RECENT STORM

By Associated Press.
Helifax, N. S. Dec. 12.—Wire communication with points along the coast is restored, and the reports coming in tell of heavy damage by the recent storm. At North Sydney, the schooners Sampson, Edith Emery, Fanny S. Orne and the Maggie A. are ashore.
At Archat, C. B., the small steamer Perry Cann was forced ashore and is full of water.
No lives were lost so far as known.

ISSUED BOGUS FIRE POLICIES

By Associated Press.
Rome, Ga., Dec. 12.—G. W. Halliett, a well known insurance man of Rome, was arrested today on a warrant sworn out by the Georgia Co-operative Fire Insurance Company, charging him with issuing bogus insurance policies. A policy issued on the Echols residence, recently destroyed, is claimed to have been a forgery.

WILLIAMS SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF JOHN WHITE

RYAN TELLS OF DEMANDS AND THREATS OF HARRIMAN

WANTED RYAN TO DIVIDE CONTROL OF EQUITABLE WITH HIM AND THREATENED TO USE POLITICAL AND OTHER INFLUENCE AGAINST RYAN IF HE DID NOT DO SO.

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 12.—Thomas F. Ryan today appeared before the Insurance Investigating Committee and told what E. H. Harriman had demanded and threatened when he demanded that Ryan concede him a share in the control of the Equitable Society. Ryan said that he meant no disrespect by his former refusal to answer questions.
Mr. Ryan said that Harriman had demanded one-half of the shares of stock of the Equitable that Ryan purchased from Hyde, which gave him control of the property. Harriman threatened, unless conceded this share,

To Spend Balance of Natural Life in Penitentiary at Hard Labor.

WAS COOL AS EVER

Evidenced no Fear of Sentence or Remorse for Bloody Deeds.

CASES REVIEWED BY JUDGE CARTER IN ABLE MANNER AND PRISONER TOLD OF WHAT HE MIGHT EXPECT IN THE FUTURE—ADVISED TO SEEK FORGIVENESS OF A HIGHER POWER.

William F. Williams, murderer of John White and Edwin C. Dansby, and convicted of these in two separate counties, was yesterday afternoon sentenced to serve the remainder of his life in the state penitentiary for the murder of John White. He had been sentenced previously for the same term in Jackson county for the murder of Mr. Dansby.

The prisoner, accompanied by the sheriff and handcuffed appeared at the court house shortly before 4 o'clock. There were but few persons present at the time, except attorneys for the state and defense.

Williams appeared as cool and collected as ever. He took his seat to be sentenced, and during the time that Judge Carter was passing sentence paid close attention, but never for a moment did he show the least fear of the sentence or remorse over the deeds he had committed. After sentence had been passed and he was on his way to jail he had a smile upon his face, and did not seem in the least disturbed.

The sentence of Judge Carter was a most able one, and any other prisoner would have winced when his crimes were brought to him in so forceable a manner. It was as follows:

The Sentence.
The Court: "William F. Williams, at a special term of this court, held in August of this year, you were indicted, tried and convicted of the crime of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation to mercy. Have you anything to say why the judgment of the court should not be pronounced?"

The Defendant: "The only thing I have to say, is that I have been convicted of killing one of the best friends I had in the world, and there is evidence produced against me that has been manufactured, there is no doubt about that; but I am willing to suffer for killing Mr. Dansby, and for killing Mr. White, because I never had two better friends than they were; and I never had any intention of killing either one of them; not only that, but when I did the deed, I did not know what I was doing; I did not have my right mind."

"Furthermore, I will say, I am willing to take my punishment, because they were good friends of mine, and no one realizes better than I do, and no one could be any sorer than I am that the act was committed. And I imagine a man who had killed two men the way that was done, would be a very unhappy man, but I will say this—it has never been stamped upon my mind and conscience that I killed these men; that is all I have to say."

The Court: "Your crime is perhaps one of the most remarkable in the annals of this state, remarkable in many respects. In the first place, that such a crime should have been committed in the light of day in the most prominent part of town, on the most prominent street in town and in the store of one of the most prominent merchants in town. Remarkable in that your acts on that day—not simply the killing of one man—but the killing of two men and very severely wounding a third."

"It is remarkable also, in the fact that you have had two trials, one in the county where the crime was committed, and one in a distant county, nearly a hundred and fifty miles away where you were not known, where the witnesses were not known, and where could have been no possible prejudice against you in any respect, and that both juries upon these trials, not only found you guilty of the same identical offense, but each of them found sufficient in the facts and circumstances of the case to recommend you to the mercy of the court."

"You have been sentenced upon the result of the trial had in Jackson county, and it becomes my painful duty to sentence you to this county. Your case is also remarkable in another respect, or rather the proceedings had in your trial—in this, that while a great deal of excitement was created, a great deal of feeling perhaps ex-

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COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION

Much Business Was Transacted During the Evening, an Executive Session of Some Length Being Held.

OFFICIALS WERE FIRED UPON AT CENTURY

Sheriff Van Pelt and Several Deputies Shot at By Unknown Parties.

Sheriff Van Pelt and several of his deputies were fired upon Saturday night near Century, when they were searching for parties who were alleged to have been selling liquor without a license. Fortunately no one was injured, but the officers arrested four persons, one white man and three negroes upon the charge.

The sheriff for several weeks past, has been receiving complaints from Century that liquor is being sold there and that on Saturday nights the place is very disorderly. On last Saturday night the sheriff proceeded to that place, and in company with some of his deputies started out on a hunt for those who were violating the law. He succeeded in getting a number, but in going through a swamp near Century the members of the party were fired upon from ambush, but none of the party injured.

The officials made a quick run for the point where the shots came from but were not able to locate any one, and consequently returned to the city with only the four prisoners arrested later.

MONUMENT TO EDITOR GONZALEZ

By Associated Press.
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 12.—A monument to the late Editor N. G. Gonzalez was unveiled to-day near the spot where he was wounded nearly two years ago, in the presence of large crowds. Many prominent men from all parts of the state were present. The exercises were participated in by Bishop Capers, Rev. Sam'l Smith, Mayor Gibbs and others. The monument was erected by the people of the state.

ACTRESS DELIVERS AN ADDRESS ON THE THEATRE

By Associated Press.
Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 12.—Under the auspices of the Harvard Ethical Society, Mrs. Minnie Madden Fisk, the actress, delivered an address on "The Theatre" today. The auditorium was crowded with students. Charles T. Copeland introduced Mrs. Fisk.

MERGER OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN TAMPA

By Associated Press.
Tampa, Dec. 12.—A merger of the local telephone exchanges was announced to-night by which the Peninsular Telephone Company acquires all of the rights and equipment of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The consideration was not made public.